CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 1989 AT 9:30 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were:

J.N. Lightstone (Chair), P. Albert, V. Baba, U. De Brentani, D. Gold, K. Lipke, J. Segovia, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy, A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

B. MacKay

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

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| SRC-89-05-25-D70 | CENTRE INTERUNIVERSITAIRE EN CALCUL MATHEMATIQUE ALGEBRIQUE |
| SRC-89-09-07-D71, (rev. 7 Sept. 89) | PROPOSAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL RESEARCH FUNDS AND FOR A FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME |
| SRC-89-09-07-D72 (rev. 7 Sept. 89) | RESOLUTIONS TO ESTABLISH A FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME |
| SRC-89-09-07-D73 | 1988-89 SUMMARY OF RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED TO CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS |

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 Dr. Baba requested that the following revision be made to item 5.7 of page 6: "Dr. Baba suggested that, in future, the Senate Research Committee may want to look at the location of interfaculty/ interuniversity Centres of which we now have three".

1.2 The Committee agreed to approve the minutes, as corrected.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1.3 The Chair indicated that the 'Centre Interuniversitaire en Calcul Mathematique Algebrique' would be on the Agenda of this meeting.

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1.4 The Chair informed the Committee that the document 'Research Centres - Needs and Opportunities', was forwarded to Senate by the SRC for their information and it required no action on the part of Steercom or Senate at this time.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

2.1 The Chair stated that he looked forward to the opportunity of working with the Senate Research Committee.

III. PROPOSAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL RESEARCH FUNDS AND FOR A FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SRC-89-09-07-D71)

3.1 The Chair stated that the above-mentioned document developed after considering what might be done to enhance ongoing research programmes at Concordia. The Deans, Vice-Deans, and faculty members were consulted for their input. A draft document was then forwarded to the Rector, Vice-Rectors, Deans and Vice-Deans for their comments.

3.2 The Chair indicated that the Deans had expressed their support for this proposal in terms of funding and that he would like the programme to be implemented in 1990-91.

3.3 Concern was expressed by the Committee that $5,000. was an unrealistic amount for operating costs (page 3, paragraph 1). The Chair responded by saying that this was a way of calculating units of grant money and not a total. It was agreed that the word 'unit' would be added to the sentence as follows: "The unit amount granted to individual faculty members under either constituent element of the FRDP would be up to $5,000. annually for operating costs".

3.4 Several other minor changes were suggested by the Committee and the Chair indicated that the document will be revised.

3.5 The Chair asked for a motion to approve the document in principle.

Moved by V.V. Baba; seconded by D. Gold. All in favour.

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IV. RESOLUTIONS TO ESTABLISH A FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SRC-89-09-07-D72)

4.1 The Chair asked for a motion to forward to Senate the 'Resolutions to Establish a Faculty Research Development Programme'.

Moved by D. Gold; seconded by J. Segovia. All in favour.

V. CENTRE INTERUNIVERSITAIRE EN CALCUL MATHEMATIQUE ALGEBRIQUE (SRC-89-05-25-D70)

5.1 The Chair stated that at the last SRC meeting, the Committee had forwarded to Senate their approval of the proposal for the 'Centre Interuniversitaire en Calcul Mathematique Algebrique'. Senate, however, noted that the SRC had not followed its own Guidelines in the evaluation of this proposal.

5.2 The Chair indicated that the Vice-Dean of Arts and Science, P. Albert, will prepare a report for discussion by the SRC at its next meeting.

5.3 The Chair stated that the appraisal of Centres, in future, should not be the job of the SRC. This should be done within the faculty by an ad-hoc evaluation committee and then presented to the SRC for submission to Senate.

VI. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

6.1 It was announced that Dr. S. Sankar, Mechanical Engineering, had been elected as the Engineering and Computer Science representative on the SRC.

6.2 The Committee requested that a list of the membership of the SRC be provided for their information.

6.3 In terms of the appointment of a member at large, the Committee agreed that it would be important to have a member from the Humanities on the SRC. This person would ideally be from the Department of History, Philosophy, Classics, English, etc.

6.4 It was agreed that the Committee will be presented with 2 or 3 names from which they will be able to vote by preferential ballot.

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VII. 2-YEAR MANDATE

7.1 The Chair will present, at the October SRC meeting, a proposal outlining its mandate for the next two years.

VIII. DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH SERVICES - A.J. WILLIAMS

8.1 Ms. Williams distributed copies of the 1988-89 Summary of Research Grants and Contracts to the Committee for their information (SRC-89-09-07-D73).

8.2 It was announced that the preliminary results for 1989-90 show an increase of over two million dollars.

8.3 Ms. Williams thanked everyone for their cooperation during the gathering of information for the faculty profiles.

8.4 Ms. Williams stated that the FCAR translations were available in the Office of Research Services for anyone interested.

8.5 The Director of Research Services requested a report from the faculties of Arts and Science, Fine Arts, and Engineering and Computer Science of the internal distribution of research funds.

8.6 With regard to the Networks of Centres of Excellence Programme, Ms. Williams stated that she does not anticipate any information until at least the end of October.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 The Senate Research Committee meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.